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1. THEODORE FRONCZAK AND HIS ATTORNEY BILL WILSON ARRIVED MEXICO CITY MARCH 15 FOR ONE-WEEK VISIT AS GUESTS OF GOM. PURPOSE OF VISIT WAS TO ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE QUESTIONS AND COMPLAINTS RAISED BY FAMILY OVER HANDLING OF INVESTIGATION INTO MRS. FRONCZAK'S DISAPPEARANCE BY GUERRERO STATE AUTHORITIES. FRONCZAK AND WILSON, ACCOMPANIED BY CONSUL GENERAL AND CONOFF CALLED ON EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE, LIC. FERNANDO BAEZA MARCH 16. BAEZA ASSURED FRONCZAK, ON BEHALF OF ATTORNEY GENERAL, OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S STRONG DESIRE TO DO WHATEVER POSSIBLE TO RIGHT ANY WRONGS THE FAMILY FEELS HAVE BEEN DONE IN THIS CASE. BAEZA ARRANGED FOR TWO FEDERAL JUDICIAL POLICE AGENTS TO PROVIDE PROTECTION AND ASSISTANCE FOR FRONCZAK DURING VISIT TO ACAPULCO, AND THROUGH ATTORNEY GENERAL ARRANGED FOR FRONCZAK TO CALL ON GOVERNOR OF GUERRERO MARCH 19.

2. FRONCZAK AND WILSON, ACCOMPANIED BY CONSUL PRICE, CALLED ON SECRETARY OF TOURISM ROSSELL DE LA LAMA EVENING MARCH 16. ROSSELL ASKED FRONCZAK TO PREPARE LIST OF HIS
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REQUESTS AND COMPLAINTS IN PREPARATION FOR SECOND INTERVIEW MARCH 17. FRONCZAK PREPARED LONG LIST (COPY BEING FORWARDED TO DEPARTMENT BY POUCH) WHICH WAS DISCUSSED IN LENGTHIER MEETING MARCH 17. MOST IMPORTANT COMPLAINTS, AND THE ONES WHICH FRONCZAK REPEATED MOST OFTEN IN DISCUSSIONS, WERE THAT HIS WIFE'S REPUTATION HAD BEEN WRONGLY SULLIED BY ALLEGATIONS BY POLICE AUTHORITIES WITHOUT

FOUNDATION (IMPLYING IMPROPER RELATIONSHIP WITH SEMMEL-ROTH, AND INVOLVEMENT IN ATTEMPT TO XQY DRUGS), AND COMPLAINT THAT GUERRERO AUTHORITIES HAVE NOT INFORMED EMBASSY OR FAMILY OF IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CASE UNTIL AFTER THESE WERE REPORTED TO THE PRESS, OR WERE PICKED UP THROUGH OTHER SOURCES. ROSSELL AVOIDED COMMITTING HIMSELF ON SPECIFIC DETAILS, BUT ASSURED FRONCZAK THAT HIS COMPLAINTS WOULD BE LOOKED INTO, AND THAT EVERYTHING POSSIBLE WOULD BE DONE TO SATISFY HIS LEGITIMATE REQUESTS. A FINAL MEETING WAS SET WITH ROSSELL FOR MARCH 21 OR 22, FOLLOWING FRONCZAK'S VISIT TO ACAPULCO.

3. FRONCZAK, WILSON, CONSUL PRICE, AND CONSULAR ASSISTANT VISITED ACAPULCO MARCH 18, ACCOMPANIED BY REPRESENTATIVE OF SECRETARIAT OF TOURISM AND TWO FEDERAL POLICE OFFICERS. THE VISIT ENABLED FRONCZAK TO CHECK OUT TWO CONTACTS IN ACAPULCO WHO HAD BEEN PROVIDING HIM WITH SEPARATE, OFTEN MISLEADING, INFORMATION ON THE CASE, JACOBO HERMOSILLO (STATE 16799) AND NANCY VENTURA, THE MYSTERIOUS WOMAN WHO IN JUNE HAD "ASSISTED" FRONCZAK BY LOCATING A "WITNESS" TO THE SHOOTING INCIDENT. (NEITHER THE "WITNESS" NOR VENTURA COULD LATER BE LOCATED TO VERIFY THEIR STORY.) ACCORDING TO POLICE AUTHORITIES AND GUERRERO AG ACOSTA, HERMOSILLO HAS NEVER BEEN CONNECTED WITH THE ACAPULCO POLICE OR THE INVESTIGATION IN THIS CASE, AND HE HAS BEEN CALLED IN FOR "INTERROGATION" IN CONNECTION WITH HIS PHONE CALLS TO FRONCZAK THE MOTIVES FOR WHICH ARE STILL UNEXPLAINED. VENTURA HAD RECENTLY TELEPHONED FRONCZAK ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS ALLEGING THAT SHE HAD EVIDENCE SANDRA

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FRONCZAK WAS BEING HELD BY THREE MEN IN A HOUSE IN ACAPULCO. WITH THE ABLE COOPERATION OF THE TWO FEDERAL POLICEMEN, VENTURA WAS ASKED TO LEAD THE PARTY TO THE HOUSE IN QUESTION AFTER SHE HAD BEEN QUESTIONED AT SOME LENGTH AND CONTRADICTIONS HAD DEVELOPED IN HER STORY. THE HOUSE PROVED TO BE NONEXISTENT. SHE HAS BEEN WARNED NOT TO BOTHER THE FAMILY AGAIN.

4. MEETING WITH GOVERNOR FIGUEROA MARCH 19 TURNED OUT TO BE A LAVISH LUNCHEON HOSTED BY GOVERNOR AT HIS MEXICO CITY RESIDENCE, WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL ACOSTA VIQUEZ, ACAPULCO POLICE CHIEF ACOSTA CHAPARRO, AND OTHERS CONNECTED WITH THE CASE PRESENT TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT MIGHT BE RAISED. FRONCZAK AND WILSON APPEARED SATISFIED WITH FIGUEROA'S APPARENTLY FRANK RESPONSES TO THEIR QUESTIONS AND COMPLAINTS, AND LEFT THE MEETING BELIEVING THAT THEY HAD ACCOMPLISHED ALL THAT THEY HAD SET OUT TO ACHIEVE AND MORE. FRONCZAK TOLD FIGUEROA THAT IF A MEETING OF THIS TYPE HAD BEEN ARRANGED SHORTLY AFTER HIS WIFE'S DISAPPEAR-

ANCE, OR IF POLICE AUTHORITIES HAD BEEN FRANK WITH HIM IN THE BEGINNING, MUCH OF THE TROUBLE THAT HAS BEEN CAUSED SINCE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN NECESSARY. AMONG THE COMMITMENTS WHICH FIGUEROA AND AG ACOSTA AGREED TO AT THE MEETING WERE TO ISSUE A DEATH CERTIFICATE FOR SANDRA FRONCZAK AND TO COMPLETE THE TRIAL AND CONVICTION OF THE TWO SUSPECTS IN CUSTODY WITHIN ABOUT THIRTY DAYS. THEY ALSO AGREED TO CONTINUE TO PURSUE VIGOROUSLY ANY LEADS THAT MIGHT DEVELOP ON THE LOCATION OF THE BODY OR THE INVOLVE-

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MENT OF OTHER SUSPECTS.

5. AT EVENING MEETING MARCH 22 MR. FRONCZAK WAS ASSURED BY SECRETARY OF TOURISM ROSSELL DE LA LAMA THAT HE WOULD CONTINUE TO "ACT AS THE BRIDGE" AND WOULD FOLLOW UP ON DEVELOPMENTS WHENEVER NECESSARY. BOTH MR. FRONCZAK AND HIS ATTORNEY, MR. WILLIAM WILSON, EXPRESSED THEIR APPRECIATION FOR THE WARM AND EFFECTIVE RECEPTION THEY HAD RECEIVED FROM MEXICAN OFFICIALS. THEY DEPARTED MEXICO MARCH 23 AFTER COMING TO THE EMBASSY TO THANK CONSUL GENERAL MCANINCH AND THE MEMBERS OF THE STAFF WHO HAD ASSISTED THEM. THOMPSON

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